

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To amend title V of the Public Health Service Act to secure the suicide prevention lifeline from cybersecurity incidents, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. SINEMA (for herself and Mr. MULLIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “9–8–8 Lifeline Cyber-
5 security Responsibility Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROTECTING SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE**
7 **FROM CYBERSECURITY INCIDENTS.**

8 (a) NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE PRO-
9 GRAM.—Section 520E–3(b) of the Public Health Service
10 Act (42 U.S.C. 290bb–36c(b)) is amended—

1 “(i) any identified cybersecurity
2 vulnerabilities to the program within 24
3 hours of identification of such a vulner-
4 ability; and

5 “(ii) any identified cybersecurity inci-
6 dents to the program within 24 hours of
7 identification of such incident.

8 “(B) LOCAL AND REGIONAL CRISIS CEN-
9 TERS.—Local and regional crisis centers par-
10 ticipating in the program shall report to the
11 program’s network administrator identified in
12 subparagraph (A), in a manner that protects
13 personal privacy, consistent with applicable
14 Federal and State privacy laws—

15 “(i) any identified cybersecurity
16 vulnerabilities to the program within 24
17 hours of identification of such vulner-
18 ability; and

19 “(ii) any identified cybersecurity inci-
20 dents to the program within 24 hours of
21 identification of such incident.

22 “(2) NOTIFICATION.—If the program’s network
23 administrator receiving funding pursuant to sub-
24 section (a) discovers, or is informed by a local or re-
25 gional crisis center pursuant to paragraph (1)(B) of,

1 a cybersecurity vulnerability or incident, within 24
2 hours of such discovery or receipt of information,
3 such entity shall report the vulnerability or incident
4 to the Assistant Secretary.

5 “(3) CLARIFICATION.—

6 “(A) OVERSIGHT.—

7 “(i) LOCAL AND REGIONAL CRISIS
8 CENTER.—Except as provided in clause
9 (ii), local and regional crisis centers par-
10 ticipating in the program shall oversee all
11 technology each center employs in the pro-
12 vision of services as a participant in the
13 program.

14 “(ii) NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR.—
15 The program’s network administrator re-
16 ceiving Federal funding pursuant to sub-
17 section (a) shall oversee the technology
18 each crisis center employs in the provision
19 of services as a participant in the program
20 if such oversight responsibilities are estab-
21 lished in the applicable network participa-
22 tion agreement.

23 “(B) SUPPLEMENT, NOT SUPPLANT.—The
24 cybersecurity incident reporting requirements
25 under this subsection shall supplement, and not

1 supplant, cybersecurity incident reporting re-
2 quirements under other provisions of applicable
3 Federal law that are in effect on the date of the
4 enactment of the 9–8–8 Lifeline Cybersecurity
5 Responsibility Act.”.

6 (c) STUDY.—Not later than 180 days after the date
7 of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of
8 the United States shall—

9 (1) conduct and complete a study that evaluates
10 cybersecurity risks and vulnerabilities associated
11 with the 9–8–8 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline;
12 and

13 (2) submit a report of the findings of such
14 study to the Committee on Energy and Commerce of
15 the House of Representatives and the Committee on
16 Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Sen-
17 ate.